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IT IS A MAKE OR BRAKE SITUATION

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Electric buses in the city are increasingly breaking down during rains, causing traffic snarls, stranding commuters, and raising questions over maintenance gaps and design choices in Bengaluru's expanding e-fleet.

Over the past year, incidents involving brake failures and vehicle immobilisations on waterlogged stretches have been on the rise. Traffic police say the problem is particularly acute on flooded roads, where moving a stalled bus becomes a major challenge.

"Once an e-bus goes off the road, its tyres often get locked, making it extremely difficult to push or tow it aside. Clearing traffic in such situations becomes a hectic task," a senior traffic police officer told BM.

Near miss at KR Circle

On a drizzly Sunday earlier this month, a BMTC e-bus at KR Circle reportedly suffered a brake problem. The driver managed to avoid a major accident by steering the vehicle onto the footpath and grazing a nearby tree to bring it to a halt. While no one was injured, traffic

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"E-buses tend to go off the road frequently, especially during rains. As it is difficult to move them, it not only disrupts traffic flow but also causes prolonged jams

— Traffic police official

Money heist

Experts reveal banks' inability to provide prompt info often ends up delaying probes into cybercrime

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Cyber crimes are reported daily, but officials say slow response from banks slows down the investigation process. According to NCRB data of 2024, Karnataka lost ₹2,914.97 crore to cybercrime, with private sector banks accounting for ₹1,859.9 crore. Experts say slow response from banks to law enforcement agencies delays access to crucial mule account information.

As private finance companies face cyber fraud, banking and financial sectors are rattled. Police recorded 6,045 cybercrime cases until May 2025. According to NCRB data, a comparative cybercrime report across banking sectors reveals that 6,11,688 complaints have been reported.

Among these, private sector banks have reported 3,02,324 complaints, which translates to an average of 828 cases each day, which works out to around 35 cases every hour, or roughly one case being filed every one minute and forty-four seconds.

Police officials revealed in a study on the use of money mules in cybercrimes by Center for Cybercrime investigation training and research that banks often take longer to provide information on each layer of the transaction, delaying the

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THINGS TO DO

01 Art retrospection

Mythic Matrices, a landmark solo exhibition by acclaimed contemporary artist Seema Kohli, presented by the National Gallery of Modern Art, offers a focused retrospective of 20 pivotal years from Kohli's expansive practice. **Where: National Gallery of Modern Art, Vasanth Nagar; When: August 26 to September 26**

02 Theatrical escape

Ranga Shankara is hosting a landmark devised theatre production 'To Be or Not To Be', directed by Ranji David. Inspired by Shakespeare's iconic Hamlet soliloquy, the play transforms the timeless question of existence into a visceral, visual experience that explores some of society's deepest wounds. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; When: August 14, 7.30 pm**

03 Rhythm nation

Vineeth Srinivasan will be performing his most loved hits live with his band, as part of Vineeth Sreenivasan Reloaded 2.0 Tour, promising a night of rhythm, and musical magic. **Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield; When: August 23, 6 pm**

04 Illuminature

Shades of Green is presenting 'Songs of Nature', a special curation of lighting designs by Oorjaa, a conscious design studio renowned for transforming natural waste into luminous works of art. The immersive showcase highlights iconic pieces alongside a new collection inspired by the quiet intelligence of the natural world. **Where: Sabha, Kamaraj Road; When: August 8 to 13, 11 am to 7 pm**

05 Craft realm

Karigar Bazaar is bringing a rare confluence of heritage, craftsmanship, and storytelling with its most immersive edition yet, hosting over 140 master artisans from across the country—each carrying the soul of a tradition, the strength of a lineage, and the beauty of the handmade. **Where: Jayamahal Palace; When: August 9 to 17**

Policy not court's jurisdiction: HC

HC quashes petition opposing State's decision to scrap NEP, says courts cannot intervene in matters of government policy unless there is violation of fundamental or statutory rights

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The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday dismissed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) challenging the Congress-led state government's decision to stop implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in the State.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice Ramchandra D Huddar observed that courts cannot intervene in matters of government policy unless the petitioner is able to establish a violation of fundamental or statutory rights. "How can we direct the government to follow a particular policy and not to follow a particular policy? Under which law can we compel them (State government) to accept or reject a policy?" the bench orally remarked during the proceedings.

The State's Department of Higher Education had, on October 11, 2023, formally withdrawn the implementation of the NEP and constituted an expert committee to prepare a State Education Policy (SEP) tailored to Karnataka's requirements. Appearing for the petitioners, Senior Advocate Aruna Shyam argued that the NEP was conceptualised to ensure 'One Nation, One Education'.

The counsel further contended that the Union government had earmarked substantial funds for the policy and halting it would result in a financial setback to the exchequer.

Court flags PIL misuse

The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh on a litigant who sought directions to multiple state government departments to discuss a self-drafted 'Karnataka Government Transformation Bill, 2025'. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice Ramchandra D Huddar dismissed the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by Murali Krishna Brahmandam, observing that the mechanism of PIL is not meant for individuals to promote their own proposals.

Brahmandam, who described himself as a political economist, had approached the court seeking directions to principal secretaries, secretaries, and special secretaries of 34 state ministries and 44 departments to discuss and propose the bill he had drafted. He further requested that the Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister bring the matter to the CM's attention and urge the Council of Ministers to initiate the bill. The plea also sought instructions to MLAs, MLCs, and MPs from the ruling party to press for its introduction.

After the hearing concluded, the bench made an oral observation underscoring the limits of PILs, stating "This is the principle of Public Interest Litigation, unless there is gravity of a case you don't bring public interest. You may have bright ideas but that does not translate into a Public Interest Litigation."

Special educators diverted to other departments

Hundreds of persons with disabilities in Karnataka, determined to live with dignity despite challenges, are being denied vital skill training because special educators appointed exclusively for this purpose have been deployed to unrelated departments. According to the Karnataka State Disability Protection Committee, many teachers appointed under the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) norms—are neglecting their original posts in residential care homes in Bengaluru and Hubballi, leaving trainees without guidance. Despite repeated appeals to the government and the Department for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens, no corrective action has been taken. **— BMB**

364 PU lecturers allowed to pursue B Ed with salary

The Education Department has permitted 364 lecturers serving in aided Pre-University (PU) colleges without a B Ed degree to pursue the course while continuing to receive their salaries. Recognising this as a special case, the government has set conditions — lecturers must complete the B Ed within two years or the course duration, whichever is earlier, at their own expense. No leave benefits will be provided during the study period, and their probation will only be confirmed upon successful completion of the degree. To ensure continuity in teaching, guest lecturers may be appointed in their absence, with their salaries adjusted from the deputed lecturers' pay. **— BMB**

Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025 to begin November 18

Asia's largest tech event, the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025, will be held from November 18 to 20 at the Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), with participation expected from over one lakh attendees, including representatives from more than 60 countries, 20,000 startups, and over 1,000 investors. Deputy CM DK Shivakumar announced that this 28th edition, themed on 'Future Readiness', will feature 10 dedicated tracks covering IT and deep tech, electro-semi, digital health and biotech, startup ecosystems, global collaborations, the India-USA Tech Conclave, AI universe, Finverse, defence and space technology, and sustainability with climate tech. Over 1,200 exhibitors and 600 global technology experts will be part of the summit, with participation spanning Eastern Europe, Africa, South America, all Indian states, and Union Territories. The event, which will surpass the scale of the Centre's own startup conventions, is expected to reaffirm Bengaluru's status as a global hub for technology and innovation. **— BMB**

Metro milestone spurs concerns over safety

Bengaluru Metro's daily ridership crossed one million, driven by the launch of the Yellow Line, which added over 52,000 boardings. However, Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya flagged safety concerns at RV Road Metro Station, set to become an interchange between the Yellow and Green Lines. He warned BMRCL of overcrowding due to mismatched train frequencies.

DCM's reply on Metro funding

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar on Monday said the government is open to naming Bettadahalasur Metro Station after BJP MLA Munirathna—if he sponsors its construction. Munirathna alleged builders respond only to Shivakumar and claimed Embassy Group would pay within 24 hours if he intervened. Shivakumar countered that Embassy had pledged Rs 120 crore but paid only Rs 1 crore. "If Munirathna sponsors it, we'll name it after him," he said.**— BMB**

Karnataka to review rule penalising aided school teachers

Teachers in private aided high schools will no longer face pay cuts, stalled promotions, or withheld salary grants if their subject results fall below 60 per cent. School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa assured the Legislative Assembly that the 2019 order enforcing such penalties will be reviewed for withdrawal. Responding to BJP MLA SV Sankanur's query, the minister acknowledged concerns over the fairness of penalising only teachers when poor results could also be influenced by parents, students, and the no-detention policy for classes 1 to 9, which mandates passing students regardless of marks until they face class 10 board exams. **— BMB**

BBMP retains powers amid election delay

The state government has informed the High Court that the Greater Bengaluru Authority, intended to oversee the city's administration, will not be established this year. Until elections are held for the five newly formed municipal corporations, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) administration will continue to function. This clarification came during a court hearing concerning a petition challenging a notice issued by a BBMP engineer over building violations. The government's advocate stated that the Greater Bengaluru Authority's formation has been postponed, with elections likely in January 2026. Until then, the BBMP Act of 2020 remains in force, granting BBMP officials the authority to act on such violations. The court has asked the government to provide clear timelines for the Authority's establishment. **— BMB**

Karnataka's suicide numbers rise by over 4% – still among top five in the country

State battles a growing suicide crisis, with rates far above national average, exposing deep mental health and socio-economic challenges

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Southern states report alarming suicide rates, with Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana joining Karnataka in surpassing national average figures

Karnataka continues to report high suicide numbers, ranking among the top five Indian states with the most cases. According to official data, the state recorded 13,606 suicides in 2022, a 4.2% increase from 13,056 cases in 2021. The suicide rate in the state rose from 19.5 to 20.2 per lakh population during the same period, reflecting a persistent and concerning public health issue, according to recent Rajya Sabha data.

In comparison, the national suicide figure stood at 1,70,924 in 2022, marking a 4.2% increase from 1,64,033 cases in 2021. The national average suicide rate also rose slightly, from 12.0 to 12.4.

While Karnataka's overall increase is in line with the national trend in percentage terms, its suicide rate is significantly higher than the national average. With a rate of 20.2 suicides per lakh, Karnataka is among the states with the highest incidence of suicides, surpassed by only a few including Kerala (28.5), Telangana (26.3), and Tamil Nadu (25.9).

> **"Karnataka's persistently high suicide figures underscore a deeper mental health crisis. Mental health, which is a silent killer, is the new pandemic**
>
> Dr Mahesh Desai, Director of the Dharwad Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences

Southern states report alarming rates

Karnataka's neighbours paint a similarly grim picture. Kerala reported 10,162 suicides in 2022, up from 9,549 the previous year – an increase of 6.4%.

Telangana saw a marginal decline from 10,171 to 9,980 cases, but still maintains a high suicide rate of 26.3. Tamil Nadu continued to record extremely high numbers, with 19,834 suicides in 2022, up 4.8% from 2021.

India's most and least affected regions

Among all states and union territories, Sikkim reported the highest suicide rate at 42.8 per lakh, despite recording only 293 suicides. On the other end, Bihar, India's third-most populous state, reported only 702 suicides in 2022, a decrease from 827 the previous year, and the lowest suicide rate at just 0.6 per lakh.

In absolute numbers, Maharashtra topped the list with 22,746 suicides, followed by Tamil Nadu (19,834), Madhya Pradesh (15,386), and West Bengal (12,669).

What the numbers signal for Karnataka

Karnataka's persistently high suicide figures underline a deeper socio-economic and mental health crisis. The rise in numbers despite increasing awareness campaigns and government interventions points to the need for more targeted mental health services, community-based outreach, and early intervention mechanisms, especially in vulnerable rural and urban pockets.

With Karnataka's rate far exceeding the national average, experts suggest that factors such as agricultural distress, urban stress, unemployment, and inadequate access to mental health care may be key contributors.

SIM box racket busted, 2 arrested

A joint operation by the CCB Cyber Crime Police Station, the Department of Telecommunications (DOT), and phone service provider uncovered an illegal SIM box racket in Whitefield in the first week of August. The racket involved the unlawful conversion of international calls into local calls, posing a threat to national security and causing significant financial losses to both the government and telecom operators.

The investigation began after a complaint was filed on August 2, by a Vodafone registration officer. The complaint alleged that SIM cards purchased in the name of Gream Global Services Pvt. Ltd. were being used in a SIM box illegally installed at the Iron Mountain Data Center in Whitefield.

The complaint stated, "The DoT has informed us via official email that 107 mobile numbers issued by Vodafone Idea Limited are suspected to be used in SIM Box devices, in violation of telecom regulations. Upon internal verification, we found that all 107 SIM cards were issued to a company named Gleam Global Services India Private Limited. Technical analysis indicates that these SIM cards were likely misused in SIM Box devices to route unauthorised or fraudulent calls, which constitutes a serious breach under the Telecommunications Act, 2023."

Police arrested a suspect on August 4, who was already in judicial custody in a similar case seven days ago. During interrogation, he admitted to setting up the SIM box infrastructure under the guidance of two associates currently abroad. He had purchased SIMs from Vodafone and installed IPBX servers and SIM boxes under fake company names. **BMB**

Mobile thief held; 80 phones recovered

A habitual offender riding a and preying on unsuspecting gig workers who use phones for navigation and senior citizens, a serial mobile phone thief has finally met his match, with Mahadevapura police arresting him and recovering 80 stolen phones worth ₹20 lakh.

The case began with a complaint filed on July 4, by a PG resident from Hoodi, who reported that two unidentified men on a two-wheeler snatched his mobile phone in front of a Honda showroom on July 3. A case was registered, and police launched an investigation.

Acting on intelligence, police apprehended a suspect identified as Mohammed Fardun Salamn (24) near Hoodi bus stand on July 25 with the stolen phone. During questioning, the accused confessed to committing the theft with two accomplices across various parts of Bengaluru. He also admitted to selling the stolen devices to two individuals through a friend and giving the two-wheeler used in the crimes to his sister's husband in Sahakar Nagar, Hebbal. Police officials said, "He was arrested two months ago by Yeshwantpura police station and then after his release, he again got into mobile thefts."

Following this lead, police recovered 79 more mobile phones between July 27 and July 31, along with the two-wheeler. The two other suspects remain at large, and efforts are underway to trace them. With this arrest, police have solved six mobile phone theft cases under Mahadevapura Police Station limits. **BMB**

CRIME FILES

Trusted manager stole jewellery from employer's house

A manager of over two decades has been arrested by Jayanagar Police for allegedly stealing gold and silver ornaments worth ₹89.09 lakh from his employer's residence.

The complainant, a businessman residing at Sangam Circle, Jayanagar, lodged a complaint on July 26, that gold ornaments and cash kept in his cupboard had gone missing. The suspect, who had been managing the business from an office inside the complainant's home for over 20 years, was accused of committing the theft between January 1, 2007, and July 26, 2025.

Police arrested the accused identified as Karthik on July 28 from the complainant's house. They seized ₹7,100 in cash and a fake cupboard key. During interrogation, the accused confessed to stealing the valuables to repay loans taken from friends. The stolen gold was pawned or sold at a jewellery shop and at a finance company in Thyagarajanagar, while some proceeds were used to buy silver items.

Police recovered 1.04 kg of gold ornaments and 1 kg of silver from the accused's residence.

6 arrested in drug bust

In a week-long special drive, six people were arrested for selling MDMA, charas, and ganja, with drugs and assets worth ₹61 lakh seized from multiple locations under JC Nagar, Hebbal, RT Nagar, and Jalahalli police limits.

On August 6, police arrested a suspect near an apartment in Sultan Palya and seized 3.33 kg of ganja, 278 grams of MDMA, a two-wheeler, three mobile phones, and ₹69,100 in cash. The next day, a man was nabbed near the railway track in Hebbal with 1.287 kg of ganja and a two-wheeler.

On August 9, another suspect was caught near Indira Canteen, MRS Palya, with 600 grams of ganja and ₹1,200 in cash. The final arrests took place on August 10 near HMT Quarters, Jalahalli limits, where three individuals were apprehended with 991 grams of ganja and 75 grams of charas.

The arrested members have been identified as Shoaib, Chandan and Umar and others. According to sources, the three completed their Engineering together. The accused who were allegedly addicted to ganja while studying in college, used to peddle the drugs to earn money.

Empty plot next to school turns into dumping yard

Footpath encroachments, late-night drinking, littering plague Clarence High School's surroundings, prompting parents, staff to demand urgent BBMP action to restore hygiene, improve safety near the campus

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(1) The vacant plot before it was cleared of weeds; (2) The vacant plot cleaned by Clarence High School management; (3) An empty liquor bottle on the footpath adjacent to Clarence High School compound; (4) Illegal vendors in front of Clarence High School

The management of Clarence High School has been complaining to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities for over six months about unhygienic conditions, illegal vendors, and a vacant plot overrun with weeds, but no action has been taken to address the grievances.

Clarence High School has more than 2,000 students and many of them are between the ages of 3 to 6 years old and it is very important to provide a safe environment and healthy area in and around the campus. Some of the parents have also expressed concern about the unhygienic conditions on the footpath on Pottery Road and the presence of unauthorised vendors. "We have complained to the BBMP Chief Commissioner about the nuisance on the footpath on Pottery Road due to a kebab vendor who operates an eatery at night. A stretch of the footpath along our school compound becomes unhygienic, attracting rats and snakes. Many customers of the kebab vendor indulge in boozing and leave empty liquor bottles and even urinate on the footpath", said Clarence High School Administrator Commodore Prem Reuben (retired).

The administrator said the vacant plot next to the school building has turned into a garbage dumping site. "Neither the BBMP nor the plot owner has cleaned it for years. We spend money to hire workers for cleaning, as student safety is our concern. During one such clearing, two large snakes were captured by a snake catcher. We urge the BBMP to deploy workers for daily garbage removal and also take steps to clear weeds from the plot," the administrator said.

Habiba Subahan, a social activist and parent of a Montessori student at Clarence High School, raised serious concerns regarding civic issues in the vicinity of the school. "Encroachment of the footpath around the campus by kebab sellers, coconut vendors, and petty shops is causing inconvenience to students. The vacant land adjacent to the school is being misused for illegal activities, posing potential safety risks to students" she said.

A parent, requesting anonymity, said she wishes to highlight pressing issues around the Clarence High School campus affecting student safety and well-being. "The area suffers from poor hygiene, with garbage accumulation and lack of proper waste management, posing health risks. Unauthorized street vendors occupy footpaths, causing congestion and making it unsafe for children to walk. More concerning are reports of liquor being served at night in certain establishments near the school premises. Such activities close to an educational institution create an unsafe and inappropriate environment for young students. These issues require urgent attention from the authorities to ensure a safe, hygienic, and secure environment for our children. Immediate action to address these concerns will greatly reassure parents about sending their children to school," she said.

Bangalore Mirror published a story – The Town's Mirror Special: Residents seek BBMP's kind attention, not kebabs – on October 23, 2020, narrating how a roadside kebab vendor has been giving residents of Pottery Road sleepless nights. It also highlighted that even before covid-19, the eatery was a nuisance as it had become a hang-out place for drunkards at night. Despite complaints in March 2019, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has not taken any action, said residents.

> **"Poor hygiene, garbage piles, and unauthorised vendors make the area unsafe for children. Liquor being served nearby at night is deeply concerning** – Parent

Meanwhile, Pulikeshinagar Police Inspector said that he has already written a letter to the BBMP authorities about the nuisance caused by the kebab vendor. "The BBMP authorities have to take measures to clear the footpath", the police inspector said.

Drain cleanup finally eases Hutchins Road flooding

The Residents of 6th Cross, Hutchins Road, have expressed gratitude to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and BESCOM engineers for addressing a long-standing civic issue. The roadside drain, choked with silt and causing flooding during heavy rains, has now been cleaned.

Bangalore Mirror had earlier published a report – Communication gaps leave Hutchins Road in troubled water – on August 12, highlighting the lack of coordination between BBMP's various departments in resolving the problem. Following the report, BBMP Executive Engineer (Major Roads) Fateh Ahmed had assured that his team would inspect the spot.

This week, residents were pleased to see workers removing silt from the drain under the supervision of the BBMP Assistant Executive Engineer. "I want to thank all those responsible for redressing our long-pending problem," said R Albert R, Founder Member of Cooke Town Residents Association. **— BMB**

New feeder routes boost metro connectivity

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has launched Metro Feeder Bus services for the newly operational Yellow Metro Line, introducing four routes with 12 buses making 96 trips daily. These services offer crucial last-mile connectivity to six key metro stations — Hosur Road, Beretena Agrahara, Electronics City, Infosys Foundation Konappana Agrahara, Hebbagodi, and Bommasandra — improving commuter convenience. BMTC already operates extensive feeder services on 45 routes, carrying over 1.20 lakh passengers daily, supported by a modern QR code system for live schedules and tracking. This new initiative further strengthens Bengaluru's public transport network, particularly benefiting the Electronics City corridor and enhancing access to the metro system. **— BMB**

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Encroached footpath
BTM 2nd Stage

BBMP widened Madivala Lake Road in BTM 2nd Stage but provided only a narrow footpath over the drainage slab. This space has been further encroached by a house on 6th Cross with an illegal fence, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road.

Pending roadwork
Yelahanka

At a vegetable market in Yelahanka, roadwork that began two years ago remains incomplete, causing inconvenience for long-time residents. They request publication of photos and guidance on whom to approach for a resolution.

Blocked drain
Tannery Road

At the Tannery Road–Pottery Road intersection near the railway underpass to Fraser Town/Netaji Road, a blocked drain has left stagnant water for months, creating a persistent hazard.

Social media post questions why B'lureans complain more

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Viral posts sparks debate on how B'luru locals and migrants react to civic issues

A social media post questioning why Bengalureans complain more than residents of other metros during civic crises has triggered an online discussion on the city's resilience and expectations.

The post, by author Saiswaroopa Iyer, compared Bengaluru with Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Chennai during the monsoon. "Seen Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Chennai during rains that flood/jam the roads. For some reason, Bengaluru folks complain the most... Hyderabadis crack jokes, Mumbaikars weather harsh changes, and Chennai folks seem unaffected. But why do Bengaluru folks whine so much?" it read.

While some agreed, suggesting that newcomers to the city arrive with higher expectations of comfort, others argued that speaking up against poor civic conditions is necessary. "Normalising bad civic infrastructure is bad," one user wrote, adding that criticism is key to demanding accountability.

The debate comes as Bengaluru continues to grapple with waterlogging, traffic snarls, crumbling roads, and prolonged infrastructure projects. Monsoon showers have only amplified frustrations.

Several comments suggested that long-time residents tend to adapt silently, while many of the loudest complaints come from recent migrants expecting better facilities. "Locals put up with issues quietly. The loud whiners are settlers who expected more," one user said. Another argued that the city's rapid growth has led to a mismatch between civic capacity and expectations.

As the city's woes persist, the question remains: are Bengaluru's complaints a sign of entitlement or a refusal to accept substandard civic services?

Dog shelter mandate not for Bengaluru

Animal rights advocates say SC's directive to cage stray dogs only pertains to Delhi-NCR region, while B'luru must continue to follow ABC Rules, 2023

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The Supreme Court's recent order to displace and lock up stray dogs in shelter homes applies only to the Delhi-NCR region and has no bearing on dogs in Bengaluru, experts have clarified.

According to Alwyn Sebastian, an animal rights lawyer in Bengaluru, the Supreme Court (SC)'s direction is only for the Delhi-NCR region.

Sebastian noted that the only way any other municipal body can implement such an order is through a notification, which would require the state government's consent. "However, that notification will be subject to challenge in court. Especially when the SC's order itself is contrary to the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules of 2023, which mandates that dogs should be released in the same location after sterilisation and vaccination," he said.

Shaurya Agarwal, advocacy associate of PETA India, says the SC's directive for community dogs to be moved to shelters is impractical, and if the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) tries to implement it, the civic agency would have to increase its infrastructure by nearly a thousand times, as there are at least 2.79 lakh community dogs in the city.

Experts say the order has baffled even seasoned advocates and policymakers, because it creates a dilemma for officials on whether to follow the directive or to adhere to the law.

Experts say SC's order mandating stray dogs to be housed in shelters is an impractical solution given without considering logistical constraints

Activists say community animal caretakers in Bengaluru must continue to care for their animals and ensure that BBMP continues with sterilisation and vaccination

"The matter being heard was about Delhi, and the direction, as reported from what happened in court, is for Delhi," said Agarwal, adding that for Bengaluru and elsewhere, the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2023, still stands.

The order also sidelines the duty of every citizen as mentioned in India's Constitution. Experts say it is an impractical solution given without considering the logistics.

"If Bengaluru's case is hypothetically applied, the city has 2.79 lakh stray dogs. Even if we allot Rs 50 per day to feed every dog in the proposed shelters, it will come up to more than Rs 40 crore every month," said an expert. The expert added that if health checkups and blood tests are factored in, the expenditure will be astronomical. "Moreover, what happens to the infrastructure created to house lakhs of dogs using public money, after they are eliminated a few years down the line?" said the expert.

"The SC order is contradictory to the ABC Rule and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960. The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) is exploring its options to file a petition against the order," said a source from AWBI.

Animal rights advocates say community animal caretakers in Bengaluru must continue to care for their animals and ensure that BBMP continues with the sterilisation and vaccination programme.

"The order is not in line with the existing rules and laws of our country. It is time for animal welfare workers in the city to voice their opinion through different platforms. ABC needs to be done on war footing," said another city-based lawyer.

An official from BBMP's Animal Husbandry Department said that while implementing the SC's order may be futile, simplification of AWBI's guidelines in conducting the ABC programme can prove beneficial.

B'luru students mauled by strays

Two female students were attacked by stray dogs inside the Bangalore University campus on Tuesday morning, leaving one of them in a critical condition. The incident occurred around 11 am, a day after the Supreme Court issued fresh directions on controlling the stray dog population.

The victims, Soujanya G J, a native of Haveri, and Rega Nikshitha from Telangana, are both third-year students of the integrated MSc in Economics course at Dr BR Ambedkar School of Economics University.

Soujanya, who sustained deep bite injuries, has been shifted to the ICU of a private hospital. Rega is undergoing treatment for multiple wounds.

Timely action by Metro staff saves man's life

Bengaluru witnessed a shocking incident of attempted self-harm on Monday night when a man tried to jump in front of a moving train at the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Metro Station in Majestic. Thanks to the swift response of the Metro staff, his life was saved.

The incident occurred at 10.04 pm on Platform 4, when Jayant (29), a resident of Srinagar, leapt onto the tracks in an apparent suicide attempt. The train conductor, spotting the man, immediately applied the emergency brake, while a woman Home Guard on duty quickly pressed the emergency stop plunger on the platform.

This coordinated action halted the train in time, preventing a tragedy. Jayant was taken by ambulance to Victoria Hospital. **-BMB**

Wife's alleged lover, gang slay man

An auto driver was hacked to death by his wife's alleged lover and a gang, in what police say was a revenge killing in Machohalli, Bengaluru Rural.

The deceased, Vijaykumar, had been married to Asha for 10 years. She was allegedly involved in a relationship with Dhananjaya, an auto driver and a close friend of Vijaykumar. Investigators said Vijaykumar confronted his wife after discovering a photograph of her with Dhananjaya, sparking heated arguments. On Monday, around 8 pm, Dhananjaya and his associates allegedly waylaid Vijaykumar near his residence. In a premeditated attack, they assaulted him with deadly weapons, resulting in his death on the spot. **-BMB**

Woman chased, family assaulted

A woman has alleged that she was chased and attacked by a group of 10-12 cab drivers after a road rage incident in Hulimavu. The confrontation began when one of the drivers allegedly overtook her vehicle in a rash manner and stopped her car. According to the complaint filed by her father, the accused struck her car window with a knife, shattering the glass, before following her to her apartment.

The complainant stated that the group forcefully entered the apartment premises, shouted threats. The woman's father alleged that the gang vandalised the car and assaulted family members, including him, causing injuries. **-BMB**

Bengaluru's wildlife conflicts surge amid rising forest encroachments

Over 10,000 cases, including human deaths, recorded this year as experts blame unchecked development and slow evictions for worsening the crisis

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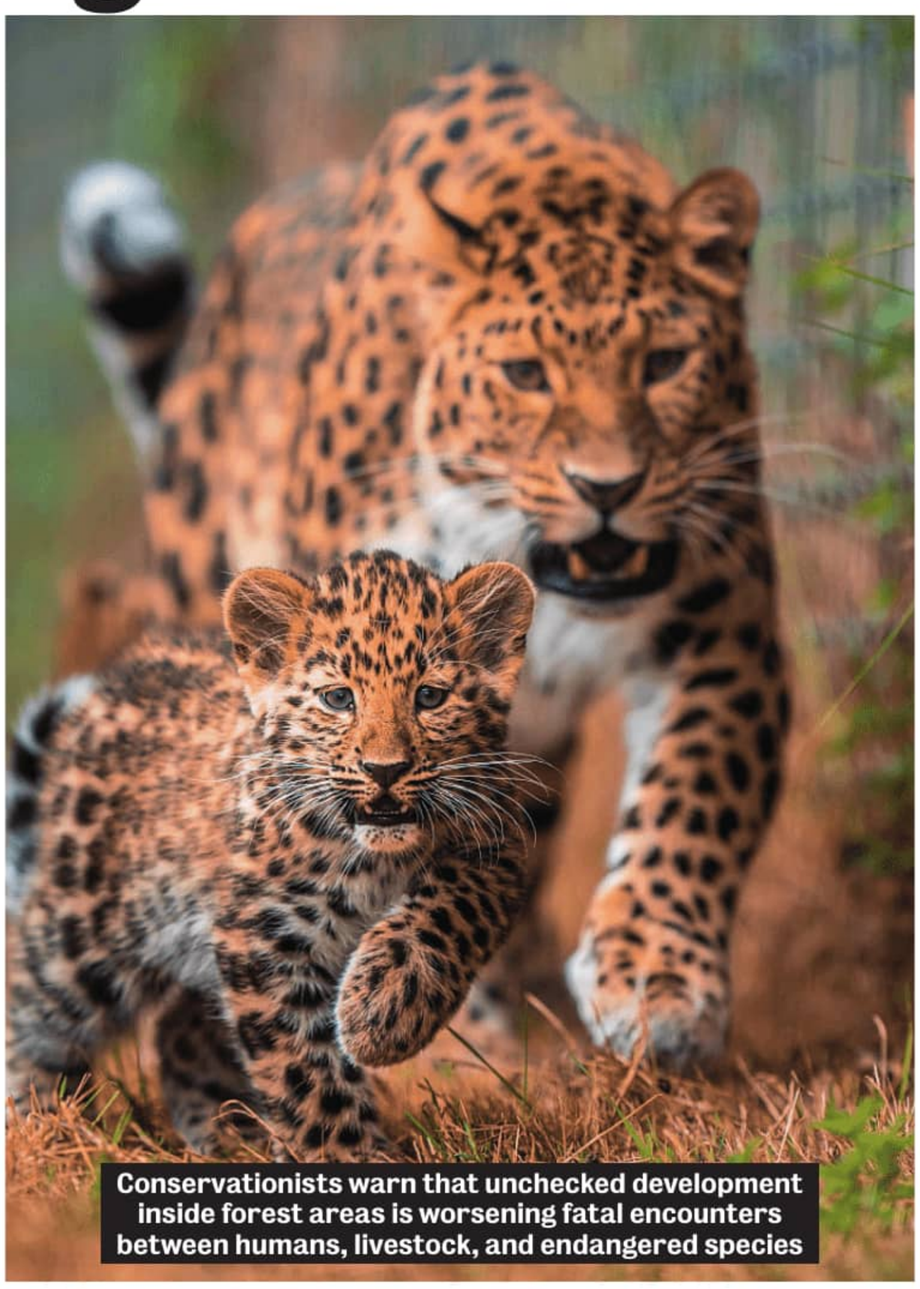

Conservationists warn that unchecked development inside forest areas is worsening fatal encounters between humans, livestock, and endangered species

Cases of crop damage, cattle killed, human deaths, permanent and partial disabilities, injuries, and property losses from human-wildlife conflict in and around Bengaluru have been increasing over the last few years.

According to data from the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD), more than 10,000 such cases have been reported from the Bengaluru Circle this year, including 10 incidents of human deaths and permanent disability. The department has paid nearly ₹7.5 crore in compensation so far. Last year, 8,686 cases were reported in the region, which included seven instances of human deaths and permanent disability. In 2022-23, a little over 8,000 cases were registered, with four cases of human deaths and permanent disability. Officials say the trend shows a steady year-on-year rise.

Wildlife experts attribute the surge to the rapid expansion of human activities into wildlife habitats. "Over the past few years, there has been a lot of development and encroachment of forest land in these divisions. Bengaluru Rural, for instance, has seen a spurt in residential societies. High cattle and human death cases are directly linked to illegal diversion of forest land. Many residential societies today are located dangerously close to national parks and reserves," said a wildlife conservationist.

The Bengaluru Circle covers Ramanagara, Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Bengaluru Rural, and Bengaluru Urban divisions. Conservationists warn that unless forest areas are protected from further encroachment, the number of conflict cases will keep climbing. "Encroachment is a serious threat. While some evictions have taken place recently, the pace is slow, and fresh encroachments are still happening, making the situation worse," said another expert.

In 2024-25 alone, KFD recorded 29 fresh encroachment cases in the Bengaluru Circle, with 11 of them in Bengaluru Urban and Rural divisions. Statewide, Karnataka has recorded 39,384 cases of human-wildlife conflict so far this year, including 54 cases of human deaths and permanent disability. The ex-gratia compensation paid has touched nearly ₹47 crore.

> **"The surge in the number of conflict cases is due to the expansion of human activities into wildlife habitats, with a lot of development activities and encroachment of forest land**
>
> – Wildlife conservationist

In 2023-24, the state reported 46,028 such cases, with over ₹47 crore disbursed as compensation. The long-term trend also reflects the escalation: 19,120 conflict cases were recorded in 2018-19, 23,480 in 2019-20, 28,559 in 2020-21, 36,982 in 2021-22, and more than 40,000 in 2022-23.

Forest officials and conservationists agree that without stronger enforcement against encroachment and better management of buffer zones around forest areas, both wildlife and human lives will continue to be at risk.

12.69 lakh BPL cards under review

Karnataka has around 12.69 lakh suspicious ration cards, which will be reviewed at district and taluk levels by food inspectors, Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa told the Legislative Council. He urged public representatives to cooperate in the process. Karnataka has about 80% of BPL families in South India, compared to under 50% in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana. Muniyappa said the state's stricter eligibility norms than the Centre's have led to more people obtaining BPL cards. Efforts to cancel ineligible cards earlier faced opposition over fears of denying benefits to the needy. However, he assured that software glitches have been resolved and ration distribution continues without disruptions to eligible beneficiaries. The review aims to ensure genuine beneficiaries receive their entitlements while preventing misuse of the system. **— BMB**

Khandre pushes for city green drive

Karnataka's Forest and Environment Minister, Eshwar B Khandre, on Tuesday stressed the urgent need to create more green spaces in Bengaluru, citing that it has been over 150 years since major parks like Lal Bagh and Cubbon Park were established. Speaking at the inauguration of the first conference of the Karnataka Forest, Wildlife, and Climate Change Foundation, he highlighted the severe impacts of climate change and global warming, warning that expanding the city's green cover is the only viable solution.

Khandre revealed that while each person ideally requires seven trees for a healthy environment, Bengaluru currently has just one tree for every seven people. With the city's population approaching 1.5 crore, he called for immediate and drastic measures. He urged corporate institutions to partner with the government in greening initiatives, cautioning that Bengaluru could otherwise face a fate similar to Delhi's severe air pollution.The minister also emphasised the benefits of public-private partnerships for ecological projects, such as the planned biodiversity park on a 153-acre site at Madappanahalli near Yelahanka, aimed at enhancing the city's environmental resilience.**— PTI**

K-RERA holds builders, landowners equally liable for civic amenities

In a significant order likely to have far-reaching implications for joint development residential projects, the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) has ruled that both builders and landowners are jointly responsible for providing essential civic amenities such as water and sewerage connections to homebuyers.

The order, issued on July 30 by a K-RERA bench comprising Chairman Rakesh Singh and Member J R Reddy, came while hearing a complaint by 30 residents, including L. Arun, against Adi Developers. The case involved the Adi North Lake project in Agrahara village, Bengaluru North taluk, which was developed under a joint development agreement (JDA) between Adi Developers and landowner B A Rajagopal.

K-RERA made it clear that in joint development projects, the obligation to provide basic infrastructure cannot rest solely with the developer. Landowners, it said, share equal responsibility, particularly when the absence of such services affects the quality of life for residents. The bench directed that the developer, landowner, and residents' welfare association must coordinate with the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to take all necessary steps to secure final water and sewerage connections for the project.

The authority also ordered that all original project documents including title deeds, joint development agreements, approved plans, possession certificates, and statutory approvals must be handed over by both the developer and the landowner to the residents' welfare association.

Residents had alleged that despite collecting charges from homebuyers, Adi Developers failed to obtain BWSSB water and sewerage connections. BWSSB had issued multiple notices, warning of the suspension of the sewage treatment plant (STP) connection, and had asked the parties to apply for Cauvery water and sewerage links. No action was taken, they claimed.

Residents allege developers collected charges but failed to secure BWSSB water, leaving crucial sewerage connections incomplete for months

In June 2021, BWSSB raised a demand notice for ₹91.36 lakh. While ₹30 lakh was paid, the landowner allegedly failed to pay his share of ₹38.37 lakh, leading to the payment deadline lapsing. Several pending works related to water and sewerage also remained incomplete, causing continued inconvenience to residents. K-RERA invoked Section 11(4)(j) of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act to order the developer to transfer the entire housing project — along with all legal and operational records — to the residents' welfare association. The authority noted that the non-transfer of documents was making it difficult to comply with previous orders and was delaying the provision of essential amenities.

With this ruling, K-RERA has emphasised that homebuyers in joint development projects have the right to hold both builders and landowners accountable when basic civic services are lacking. The decision is expected to influence similar disputes across Bengaluru and the rest of Karnataka. **— BMB**

Starvation claims two tiger cubs

Two 15-day-old tiger cubs were found dead in Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary on August 11 and 12. Karnataka Forest Department sources said a male cub's carcass was discovered on Monday, followed by a female cub during a combing operation on Tuesday morning. Preliminary findings indicate the cubs likely died of starvation after being separated from their mother. Forest officials are investigating the cause of separation and monitoring the area to ensure the safety of other wildlife in the sanctuary. **— BMB**

Raking in the moolah? ₹2,000 to catch Coolie

Ticket frenzy as film pre-sales surge, govt's planned cap out of window as prices touch ₹2,000

Rajinikanth's upcoming film Coolie has triggered a ticket-buying rush, with advance bookings crossing ₹51 crore worldwide, ₹14 crore from domestic markets and over ₹37 crore internationally. These ticket prices seem too out of the ordinary as the State Government had issued a draft notification recently putting a cap on cinema ticket prices at ₹200. This cap applies to all shows in every theatre of the State, including multiplexes for all language films, inclusive of entertainment tax, the draft notification says.

But that has not deterred theatre owners desperate for a hit.

In Bengaluru, first-day-first-show ticket prices for Coolie have touched unprecedented levels, with recliner seats on MG Road selling for ₹2,000 and standard tickets priced between ₹400 and ₹500. In Chennai, early morning show tickets are reportedly being resold on the black market for as high as ₹4,500.

Coolie is set to release in 4,600 to 5,000 screens worldwide. The film's worldwide pre-booking collections exceeding Rs 80 crore as on Tuesday evening.

In Karnataka, the booking process was remarkably swift, with all tickets for the first day and first show selling out within just 1 hour of opening. In the black market, ticket prices have touched Rs 10,000. "This unprecedented response is a testament to the unparalleled popularity of Superstar Rajinikanth", said the State President Karnataka State Rajinikanth Fans Association.

The fan association, told Bangalore Mirror that this craze is nothing compared to previous films. For instance, during the release of Kabali, ticket prices crossed ₹10,000 per seat.

The current frenzy is also fuelled by a multi-star factor, with names like Upendra and Aamir Khan attracting fans from different industries. Sources say tickets for this film have also been sold for over ₹10,000 in the black market. The craze is spilling beyond Tamil Nadu, with bookings in multiple cities selling out within hours.

Waiting for a hit

A Rajinikanth fan from Bengaluru told BM that the Tamil film industry is desperate for a hit this year. "Ajith's and Suriya's films released this year didn't do well, and the only person who can revive the industry right now is a bus conductor from Karnataka named Rajinikanth," the fan said, referring to the superstar's rise. He added that Rajinikanth's popularity cuts across fan groups. "There's no one above him, even Vijay fans, Dhanush fans, everyone watches a Rajini movie. The fan base is that strong, and we are willing to pay whatever it takes for the first-day-first-show."

With ticket rates soaring and demand showing no signs of slowing, Coolie's release this weekend is set to test just how far fans will go and how much they will spend to watch their favourite star first.

–Atiya Firdos

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Rajini films have always created much buzz. During the release of Kabali, it is said that ticket prices crossed Rs 10,000 per seat

AROUNDTHEWORLD

Visit Gaza before it is too late: Madonna urges Pope

Madonna has urged the pope to travel to Gaza and "bring your light to the children before it's too late."
The superstar posted her appeal to the pontiff on social media Monday, saying her son Rocco's birthday prompted her to make the post. Addressing Pope Leo XIV, she wrote: "Most Holy Father. Please go to Gaza and bring your light to the children before it's too late. As a mother, I cannot bear to watch their suffering. "The children of the world belong to everyone. You are the only one of us who cannot be denied entry," she added. "We need the humanitarian gates to be fully opened to save these innocent children. There is no more time. Please say you will go. Love, Madonna."
The singer added that she wasn't taking sides in the war. "Everyone is suffering. Including the mothers of the hostages," she wrote. "I pray that they are released as well. I am merely trying to do what I can..." **–AP**

Parts of Europe burn as record summer heat simmers

Wildfires burned in parts of Europe on Tuesday as millions of people across the continent struggled to adapt to the new reality: record summer heat.
Temperatures in some areas soared past 40 degrees Celsius. Europe is warming faster than any other continent, at twice the speed of the global average since the 1980s, according to the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service.
Last year was the hottest year on record in Europe and globally, the monitoring agency said.
Scientists warn climate change is exacerbating the frequency and intensity of heat and dryness, making parts of Europe more vulnerable to wildfires. The burning of fuels like gasoline release heat-trapping gasses that are the main driver of climate change.
Outside Madrid, firefighters contained a blaze that broke out Monday. **–AP**

Ukrainians must decide own future: EU member states

Ukrainians must have the freedom to decide their own future, European Union member states said on Tuesday, weighing in ahead of talks between U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday.
European leaders and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy plan to speak with Trump on Wednesday, before the summit in Alaska, amid fears that Washington, hitherto Ukraine's leading arms supplier, might dictate unfavourable peace terms to Kyiv. "The path to peace in Ukraine cannot be decided without Ukraine," the leaders of all EU countries except Hungary said in a joint statement, adding that any peace deal must respect international law.
Trump has said any peace deal would involve "some swapping of territories..." **–Reuters**

INBRIEF

Women's ODI World Cup venue shift on the cards?

The Greenfield International Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram is likely to replace Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy Stadium as a venue for the upcoming 2025 Women's ODI World Cup, set to be played from September 30 to November 2.
Sources aware of the development have told IANS that the Karnataka government not granting permission for hosting games at the stadium due to serious safety concerns on any activity at the venue after the June 4 stampede has meant that its allotted matches for the Women's ODI World Cup will now be moved to Thiruvananthapuram.
"Yes, it has come to light that due to no permissions coming on time for hosting World Cup games in Bengaluru, it will now be moving to Thiruvananthapuram, which is also an ideal venue due to weather conditions and its proximity to Colombo. The ICC will be officially announcing it soon," sources further told IANS on Tuesday.
Uncertainty over future matches at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium has persisted since the June 4 stampede outside its premises during RCB's IPL 2025 victory celebrations. **– IANS**

Dharmasthala case: SIT at 13th site to start excavation work

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged Dharmasthala murders has begun preparations to start excavation work on Tuesday at the 13th burial site in the temple town in Mangaluru, using drone-mounted Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) technology. The development has gained significance as an unidentified complainant has claimed that he buried over a dozen bodies of women and girls who were allegedly sexually assaulted and murdered.
SIT personnel arrived at the site and inspected the location before flying a drone equipped with GPR over the area. In view of an earlier clash in Dharmasthala, heavy police security has been deployed at the site.
The 13th burial site is close to the Kindi Dam and the Netravathi River. Meanwhile, members of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), who arrived in Dharmasthala on Monday, continued their probe into the case on Tuesday as well. The NHRC team has collected documents from the SIT and the police. **– IANS**

State govt open to reviewing RTI rules amid misuse claims

The Karnataka government on Tuesday informed the Legislative Assembly that it was open to reviewing rules under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, after MLAs across party lines voiced concerns that the law was being misused by activists to "harass" and "blackmail" officials. Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil made the statement while replying to a question by Bailhongal Congress MLA Mahantesh Koujalagi, on behalf of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, during the Question Hour.
"RTI is a revolutionary legislation by the central government to bring transparency in administration. But, the state government can frame rules under the act. If we come to know about the misuse, we can take action," he said.
"By reviewing the rules, if harassment can be prevented and it will benefit the RTI activists (who are genuine), we can discuss in this regard with the Chief Minister and we can do it... We will think about steps to limit the misuse of RTI."
Raising the issue, Koujalagi said the RTI Act was enacted with good intentions, but was also being misused. **–PTI**

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Probe dependent on mule account information

investigation as the entire investigation is dependent on mule account information.

The study reveals that the main reason for this delay is that banks face challenges in accessing nationwide information required for investigations. Specifically, state or regional bank nodal officers are restricted from accessing account information of other regions, causing significant delay in obtaining information required for investigation. Another reason is that the bank statements provided by banks do not include recipient account details. "It is cumbersome for investigators to issue two notices to banks for each bank account: first, to obtain the account statement, and then to request the recipient bank details of the alleged transaction," the study notes.

Additionally, the study states banks also lack allocation of dedicated resources for handling cybercrime cases and law enforcement requests. "This issue is further compounded by the separation of units handling different information such as IP logs, CCTV and KYC requested by LEAS, leading to coordination problems within the bank."

A few days ago, the victim of a cyber crime, on condition of anonymity told BM that his wife had applied for a credit card from a popular national bank. However, she was informed that unbeknownst to her, there was already a credit card in her name and it had already accrued a debt of over Rs 11 lakh. "However the accused was traced and the case was resolved. But this points to negligence by the bank as without their knowledge how can this happen?"

In 2024, public sector banks recorded the second-highest number of cases at 26,084, with losses of ₹948.54 crore. Small Finance Banks reported 25,159 complaints while Regional Rural Banks saw 12,544 cases. Foreign Banks registered 9,591 complaints, and Co-operative Banks had 7,036 complaints.

Savings accounts neglected

Cyber expert Dr Harsha stressed that banks must give savings accounts the same security as current accounts. He noted weaker safeguards and outdated systems, including ATMs running obsolete software, make savings accounts more vulnerable, leading to higher financial losses, and urged banks to prioritise equal protection for all account types.

"One of the biggest challenges in cybersecurity is ensuring that banks adhere to the guidelines provided by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which emphasises on implementing security mechanisms that meet global standards. However, not all banks follow these guidelines, creating a loophole for criminals to exploit," says Dr Harsha.

Dr Harsha added that the root issue lies in the lack of awareness and training at the first-level support within banks.

"These staff members are often unequipped to handle urgent fraud-related queries or educate customers effectively. People come with letters showing they have lodged complaints with banks, yet no action has been taken. Earlier, such cases were in the thousands, but now they have surged to 10,000–15,000. It's no longer just victims versus cyber fraudsters — it has turned into fraudsters versus victims."

Dr. Harsha said victims of banking fraud caused by hackers can directly seek court intervention, citing the 2023 Kerala High Court ruling that mandates banks to reimburse losses without escalation to police or RBI. Courts can compel compensation, yet many remain unaware of this legal remedy.

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..... Defendant(S)
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The showstopper

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police said it took considerable time and effort to move the bus due to its locked tyres. "It was a Sunday, so there wasn't much traffic. But if this had happened on a weekday, the gridlock would have been massive," the officer added.

Breakdown frequency

BMTC records show that routine fitness checks for e-buses are generally mandated every six months, in line with state transport department norms. BM tried to contact the BMTC for more details, but we did not receive a response.

Sources say that such as brake system testing, seal checks, and electrical connector waterproofing are "supposed" to be conducted before the rainy season, but the actual frequency can vary by depot. North and West divisions, which operate on routes with more low-lying and flood-prone stretches, have reported higher instances of breakdowns.

BMTC's clean, green alternative is taking a dangerous turn — with 15 accidents involving electric buses having claimed 14 lives in the last 14 months, we have a serious problem
THE DANGER BUS
Outsourced drivers lack required experience, say insiders

Bangalore Mirror had reported on August 9 about rising number of accidents involving electric buses

"E-buses tend to go off the road frequently, especially during rains. As it is difficult to move them, it not only disrupts traffic flow but also causes prolonged jams," a traffic police official said. Officers from the West Division told BM that the problem becomes more challenging when these buses are involved in accidents, as clearing them from the road is a cumbersome process.

Why e-buses get stranded in rain

Many e-bus designs place heavy electrical components, including batteries, controllers, and parts of the drivetrain beneath the vehicle floor. This makes them more vulnerable to water ingress, particularly on flooded roads and highways with poor drainage. Once water enters these components, it can trigger motor shutdowns, electrical faults, or complete immobilisation.

Technical studies have flagged under-floor battery placement as a risk factor in flood-prone cities like Bengaluru, suggesting that procurement specifications should account for higher ground clearance or enhanced waterproofing.

As monsoon woes mount, with heavy rainfall, frequent flooding, and already gridlocked roads, the plight of electric buses breaking down only worsens Bengaluru's commuting nightmare. In the past year alone, e-buses were involved in 11 fatal and 18 non-fatal accidents, and the tally has already reached 18 crashes in this year, including six fatalities, with three occurring just in July. For commuters navigating rain-soaked streets, the combination of flooded roads and stalled electric buses means longer waits, denser traffic, and heightened frustration during every trip.

HEALTH TIP: Flaxseeds, walnuts, chia seeds, and even seaweed contain plant-based omega-3s

Try portioning out snacks into bowls instead of eating straight from the packet

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Beyond 'fine' and 'nothing'

5 simple ways to spark real talk with kids

Each afternoon, a familiar conversation unfolds in many households.

"How was school today?"

"Fine."

"What did you learn?"

"Nothing."

In the classroom, teachers also struggle with stonewalling students. They'll pose a question, only to be met with blank stares. They might incorporate "wait time" to give students a moment to gather their thoughts. But even then, their students offer brief or vague responses. Students, meanwhile, often get nervous about asking for clarification or diving deeper into a topic in front of their peers.

This can have consequences: Children who hesitate to ask or answer questions risk becoming adults with the same habits. Adults who avoid asking questions or avoid admitting what they don't know can become willfully ignorant: They skirt the consequences of their lack of knowledge and the impact it can have on themselves and others.

I'm an educator, researcher and parent who studies adolescent education and teacher preparation.

Here are five strategies parents and caregivers can use with children to make them better conversationalists and cultivate curiosity.

1. Be creative with your questions

Part of the issue arises from asking questions that can be batted away with a one-word response.

Children want to know whether the adults in their lives are genuinely interested in their day. Asking the same, rote questions each day says otherwise.

Try shaking things up and ask more specific, open-ended questions instead: "What was the most interesting thing you did today?"

"If you could turn back time and change how you handled something at school today, what would it be?"

"If you were in charge of your class tomorrow, what would you teach?"

> "Children who hesitate to ask or answer questions can become adults who avoid admitting what they don't know and remain ignorant

2. Engage with their curiosity

As important as it is for adults to ask questions that convey genuine interest, it's just as valuable to engage with questions kids ask.

Young children ask "why" so often that adults can find themselves falling back on a classic retort: "Because I said so!"

When a "why" gets shut down, a child's curiosity and wonder are also snuffed out. Instead, try acknowledging and engaging with this curiosity: "Good question. Here's my thinking …" or "Let's talk about why this is important …"

At the same time, you can also model other ways to ask questions: "I've wondered that too. Do you think it's because …?"

3. Think out loud

When adults verbalise their thinking out loud, they're showing children how their brains work and how problems get solved.

"Do you ever wonder why cats purr?" "Do you think I can mix the dry and wet ingredients for the cake at the same time?"

"I noticed the flags were at half-staff today in front of your school. Could you ask someone to find out why?"

Doing so encourages children to listen to their inner voice – and to trust the questions that emerge, no matter how silly they might seem.

4. Be a seeker

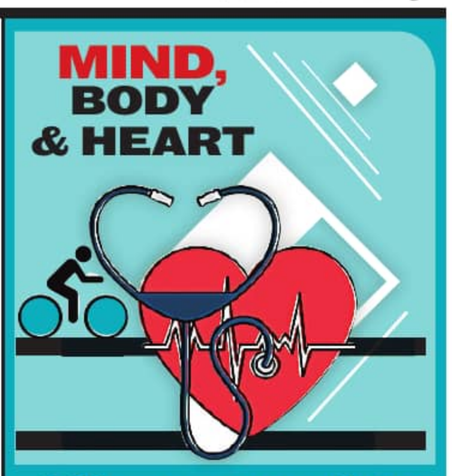
Admitting you don't know the answer to something can be uncomfortable, especially because children often expect their parents to know everything. But simply responding "I don't know" to a question isn't enough. It's important to show children how to find answers, whether it's through assembly manuals, recipes or a nutrition label. If you come across a confusing passage in a book, you can show kids how to use the tools contained within the book: a glossary, table of contents or index.

Then there are the questions that don't have a single, simple answer. You can explain how more than one internet search might be necessary and it's probably not a great idea to simply accept the first answer that pops up. By showing children that it's OK to not know all the answers, you give them the confidence to ask more questions.

5. What I heard you say was …

Children can have a hard time articulating what they're curious or confused about. For this reason, active listening is a critical behavior to model. If you're confused about what you're hearing, rather than saying something like, "I don't get what you're saying," you could repeat what you heard, and then ask, "Is that what you're saying?" If they give a meandering answer to your question – even if they go off topic – you can highlight what stood out to you to show that you were really listening: "What I really appreciated about your answer to my question was …" Avoid the temptation to multitask when children approach you with questions. If you put your phone away, make eye contact and ask follow-up questions, kids will be more willing to keep asking questions in the future.

(Shelbie Witte, University of North Dakota, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Vitamin B-12 rich foods

Tofu
Tofu is an excellent choice to increase your B12 intake. It is also rich in protein, making a double-win for vegetarians. Always read labels carefully as not all brands include the fortification for better absorption of the vitamin.

Energy Bars
Some granolas or protein bars are fortified with essential vitamins, which includes B12 as well. They're a handy on-the-go snack that also helps prevent deficiencies. Read the label and choose bars with natural ingredients and at least 1 mcg of B12 per serving.

Berries
Berries like strawberries and blueberries are a good source of Vitamin B12 and gives an extra punch when added to the morning cereals. Their high antioxidant and fibre content supports digestive and immune health. Blend them into fortified smoothies or cereal bowls to enhance your diet.

Banana
Bananas support gut health and can help improve nutrient absorption. Pairing them with cereals or nutritional yeast in baking boosts their value. Rich in fibre and energy, they make a great breakfast addition.

Shiitake Mushrooms (Dried)
Some dried shiitake mushrooms contain small but useful amounts of B12. You'll need a large quantity for full coverage, so they work best alongside other B12 rich foods. They also bring umami depth to vegetarian meals.

Cheese
Certain cheeses such as the Swiss and mozzarella variants contain more B12 compared to others. A single slice can contribute significantly to daily intake. Though high in fat, moderate consumption as part of a balanced diet is beneficial.

–Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

Cats may help develop treatment for dementia, Alzheimer's in humans: Study

Cats with dementia share brain changes similar to humans with Alzheimer's disease, offering a valuable model for studying the condition, according to a study on Tuesday.

Scientists at the University of Edinburgh in the UK discovered a build-up of the toxic protein amyloid-beta in the brains of cats with the condition -- one of the defining features of Alzheimer's disease.

Many older cats develop dementia, leading to behavioural changes such as increased vocalisation -- or meowing -- confusion and disrupted sleep -- symptoms similar to those seen in people with Alzheimer's disease.

"The findings offer a clearer picture of how amyloid beta may lead to age-related brain dysfunction and memory loss in cats," said Robert I McGeachan, corresponding author, from the Centre for Discovery Brain Sciences at the varsity.

"Scientists studying Alzheimer's disease in the past have relied heavily on genetically modified rodent models. Rodents do not naturally develop dementia, and studying cats with dementia has the potential to advance knowledge and help develop treatments for both cats and people," he added.

The team examined the brains of 25 cats of different ages after they had passed away, including those with signs of dementia. **–IANS**

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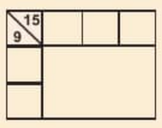
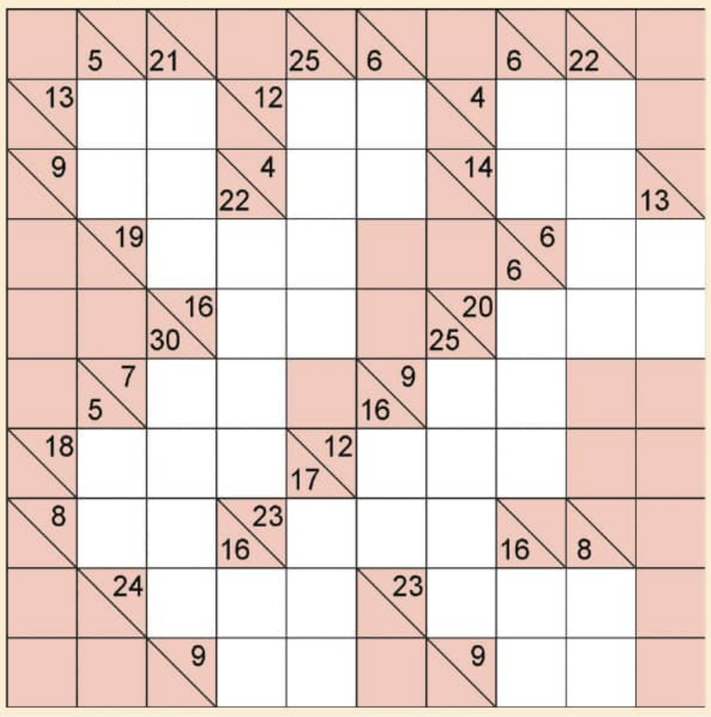
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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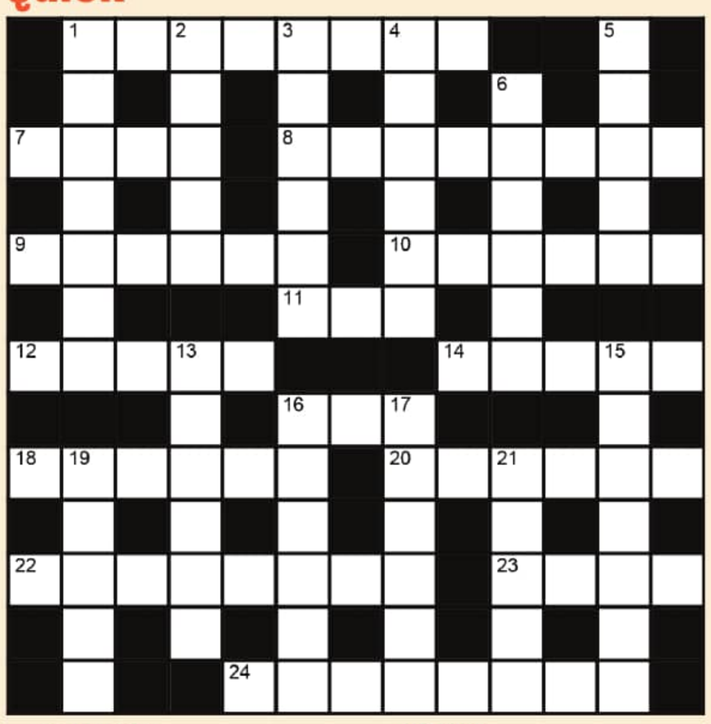


ACROSS

1 Bribe or protection money? (8)
7 Invitation letters (4)
8 Loots or plunders, ravishes (8)
9 Strolled (6)
10 Divine prophecy (6)
11 Female pig (3)
12 Knitted brow? (5)
14 Muscular and hefty (5)
16 Tight spot (3)
18 ___ __ measure: Bespoke (4,2)
20 Make possible; authorise (6)
22 Taking for granted; supposing (8)
23 Out of true (4)
24 Unselfish concern (8)

DOWN

1 Srinagar locale (7)
2 Fossil resin (5)
3 Two-footed animals (6)
4 Inexperienced or raw (6)
5 Rob or purloin (5)
6 Barbarian (6)
13 Distressing (6)
15 Pivoting point (7)
16 Full of bonhomie (6)
17 Amalgamation (6)
19 National park home to tigers, panthers and elephants (5)
21 Stradivari's mentor (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS Y

OJ ZUNK XMGKR OT G YUCB-GEU, XUP TXGCC ZUN MSDMBR JCUPMKT RU FCUUQ?

Linemaro

Is your last name Pepper? You're smokin'

Mindchow

Let us read and let us dance; these two amusements will never do any harm to the world

Joke of the day

Jury: a group of twelve men who, having lied to the judge about their hearing, health and business engagements, have failed to fool him

Loop

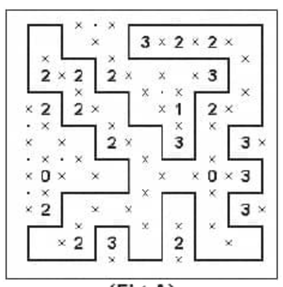
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

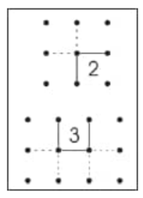
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

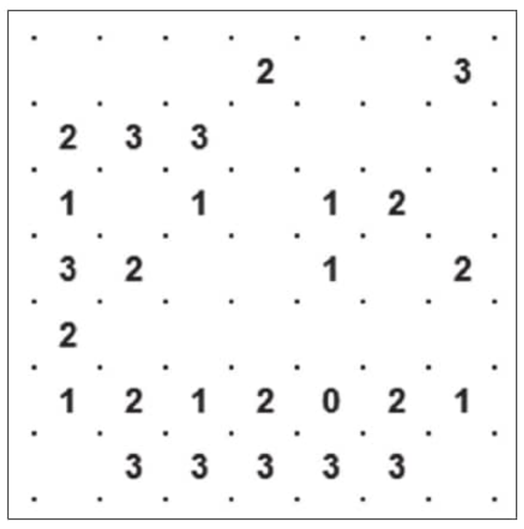
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



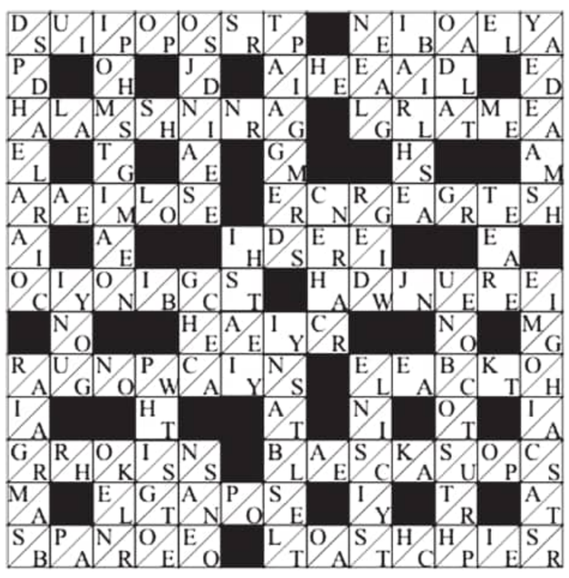
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



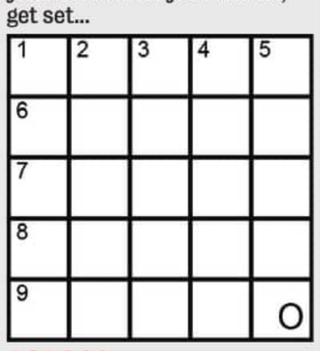
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

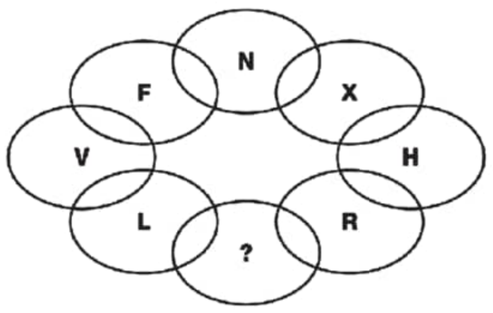
1 Sir an; 6 Meant; 7 In CWE; 8 On ani; 9 Go nob

DOWN

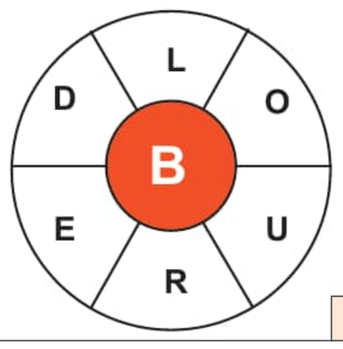
1 Bwana; 2 Naomi; 3 Inner; 4 Coign; 5 Tones

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the chain?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

14 Average; **16** Good; **18** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

3					1	7		
	5				7			6
	8		9		6	4		
	4				2			3
5	7						1	4
6			4				9	
		4	1		3		5	
9			2				7	
		8	5					2

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 4

5 6 6 9

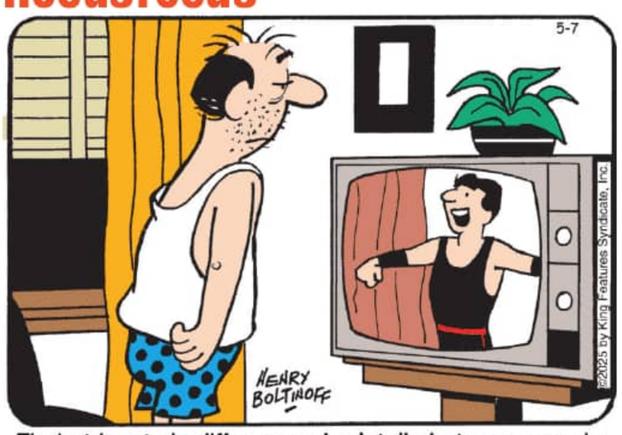
Medium = 19

3 3 5 5

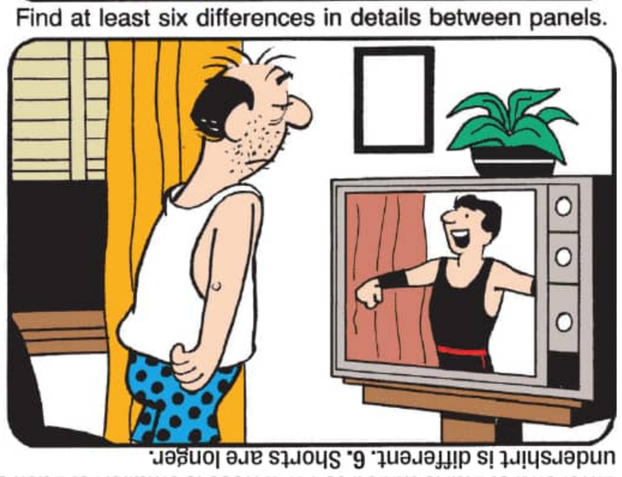
Hard = 2

2 2 3 9

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



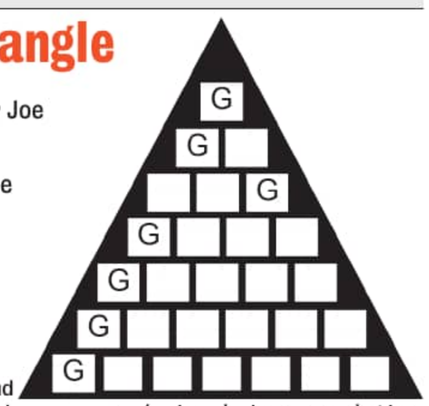
Differences: 1. TV screen is different. 2. Picture on wall is different. 3. Dial is added to TV. 4. Nose is smaller. 5. Back of undershirt is different. 6. Shorts are longer.

Riddler

SO, ND, JF, MA, __, __ What are the next two pairs of letters?

Alpha triangle

1 Gravity, symbol
2 American soldier Joe
3 Manipulate
4 Lass
5 Legendary chalice
6 Singer _ Estefan
7 The largest ape



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye

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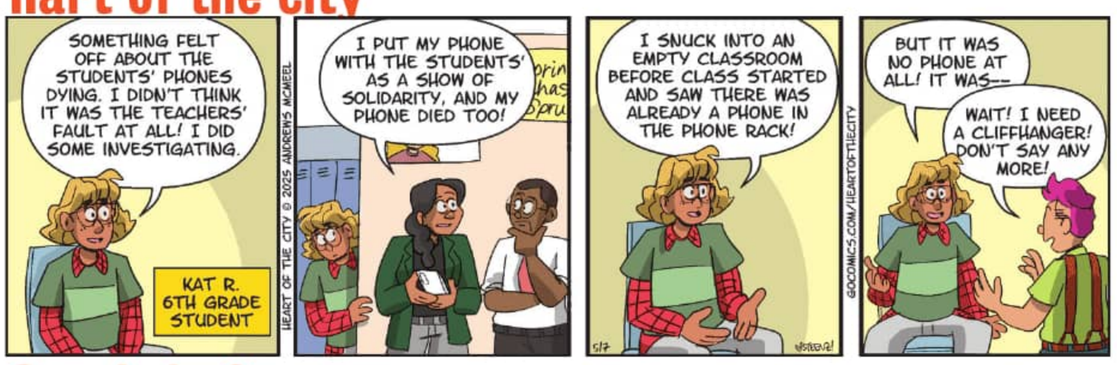
Diamond Lil

Hart of the city



Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may implement new plans in your family business, which could yield profits in the near future. You might also be busy attending family or social gatherings. Spending on home décor or artistic items to enhance your living space may elevate your social status. Pay attention to health concerns related to your teeth, ears, eyes, nose, and skin.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You're likely to enjoy good vitality and health today. Work will feel satisfying, but you're advised to avoid stubbornness. Steer clear of unnecessary arguments to prevent family disputes. If you manage to control your words, harmonious business partnerships and family relations are likely. Job seekers may find suitable opportunities. Lovebirds should avoid petty disagreements.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Your energy may feel low today, and an old health issue might resurface, affecting your mood. Avoid adventurous travel or reckless driving. If involved in any legal matters, try to resolve them out of court. You might also start planning for an overseas journey.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Past investments could bring in profits today, and losses may turn into gains. New ideas may lead to growth in business. Success may come easily, and you could meet an influential person who offers valuable guidance. Lovebirds might consider marriage, and couples may receive good news about children. Job seekers will likely find suitable employment.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Family and spousal support may bring peace and harmony at home. However, heavy work pressure could limit your time with loved ones. A family gathering might still be on the cards. You may achieve a strong position professionally, and projects related to government agencies are likely to move forward.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Blessings from elders may help you overcome confusion. You'll likely make wise financial decisions and spend money on meaningful things. Students may receive good academic news. A harmonious relationship with your spouse may also bring emotional peace and family unity.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You may feel anxious and restless for most of the day, which could make you irritable and affect domestic life. Your pace at work may slow down temporarily. However, with the support and blessings of elders, you may regain balance and control by late evening.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Your work performance is likely to be appreciated, possibly leading to a promotion. Opponents are under control. Singles may find romantic interest at work, and students may bond with good friends. Those involved in fashion, art, glamour, or interior design are likely to perform exceptionally well.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You might meet an influential person today who could support your business expansion plans. Your inner strength will help you make tough professional decisions. New ventures with friends or siblings may begin. Be cautious and read all documents thoroughly before signing contracts.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Your focus may shift to your children's education and future today, with likely positive news in that area. However, lovebirds are advised to remain patient in their relationships. Investors should avoid high-risk ventures for now, as they may result in losses.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may consider relocating today. Take time to evaluate your options carefully before making a final decision. Inner peace will support your mindset, but concerns about your child's health might worry you. Avoid speculative investments. Lovebirds should be patient before making marriage-related decisions.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You'll likely feel calm and composed today. Meditation may help improve focus, leading to efficient progress on your projects. Colleagues will be cooperative, helping you complete tasks ahead of schedule. A short work-related trip might come up, and someone influential may assist in expanding your professional network.

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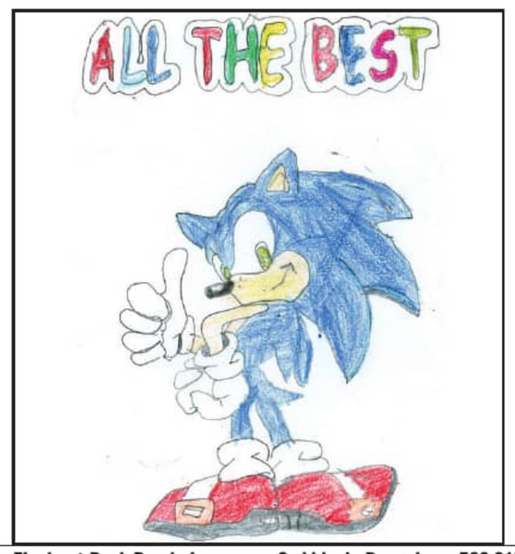

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
√(13 + 12) + 6 / √25
6 / 11 = 1

QUOTE UNCODE
If your heart is a volcano, how shall you expect flowers to bloom?

FAST FIVE

N	A	R	I	S
A	M	E	N	T
W	I	N	C	E
A	N	I	O	N
B	O	N	G	O

RIDDLER
M.J, JA. September, October, November, December...

STRIKE OUT

S	U	P	P	O	R	T	■	E	B	O	L	A
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
B. Start at the top of the diagram, and move clockwise. Letters appear in alphabetical order, in steps of 10 letters at a time.

BULL'S EYE
bled, blue, blur, bode, bold, bolder, hole, bore, bored, burl, BOULDER, bred, burl, double, drub, lobe, lobed, robe, robed

SUDOKU

3	9	6	8	4	1	7	2	5
4	5	1	3	2	7	9	8	6
2	8	7	9	5	6	4	3	1
8	4	9	7	1	2	5	6	3
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ALPHA TRIANGLE
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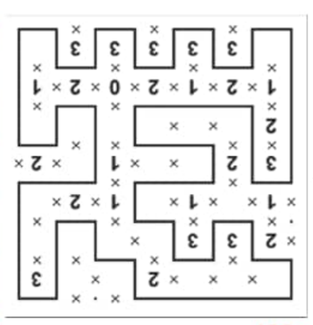

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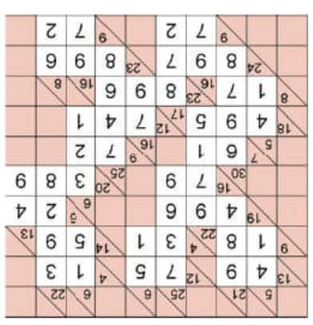

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 # Star home burglars arrested
Two men have been arrested in connection with the burglary at the home of actor Brad Pitt's home in Los Angeles

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Unique title

A team of newcomers is all set to prove their mettle with their film Austin Na Mahan Mouna. The movie's trailer and soundtrack were unveiled at SRV Theatre recently. Vinay Kumar Vaidyanathan debuts as a hero, director, and producer in Sandalwood with this movie that is scheduled to arrive in theatres on September 5.

Vaidyanathan said that though he is an electrical engineer, due to his passion towards movies, he worked as assistant director for a few Kannada movies. "I am happy to realise my long-pending dream of directing a movie. I selected the title - Austin Na Mahan Mouna - since it is apt," said Vaidyanathan. He said the movie is set in the 1990s. "It revolves around a family in Coastal Karnataka," he said.

Poster unveiled

Director Jadesha K Hampi has been busy with the post-production works of his latest movie Landlord. Dunya Vijay aka Vijay Kumar plays the lead while his daughter Ritanya plays his daughter in the movie. The story is set in a village on the Andhra-Karnataka border during the 1990s.

"We have completed the shooting of the movie except for the song sequences. The movie revolves around a landless person whose quest is two own a piece of agricultural land in the village. The movie is based on three to four real incidents," said Jagadeha. He said Vijay and Ritanya were at their best. "The movie also showcases the bonding between father and his daughter. The shooting of the movie was held in Tumakuru, North Karnataka, and Mangaluru. We also put up a village set for the shooting," said the director.

'GOOD FRIENDS'

Mrunal brushes off rumours of link-up with Dhanush

Mrunal Thakur has finally broken her silence on the dating rumours linking her to Tamil star Dhanush. The actress has been in the spotlight ever since the two were spotted together on multiple occasions, sparking speculation about a possible romance.

According to a report in Only Kollywood, Mrunal dismissed the buzz outright, calling Dhanush "just a good friend." She admitted she was aware of the speculation and found it amusing.

"I'm aware that a lot of news has been circulating about the two of us being linked together recently. I just found it funny when I saw it," she said.

The actress also clarified that she did not personally invite Dhanush to the screening of Son of Sardaar 2. She revealed that it was Ajay Devgn who extended the invitation, adding that no one should read too much into his presence at the event.

Mrunal and Dhanush's friendship has been under scrutiny since she attended the wrap-up party for his film Tere Ishk Mein. The chatter intensified after they shared a brief interaction at the Son of Sardaar 2 screening, where Dhanush was photographed holding her hand.

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